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In the Interim . . .

The July and August meetings saw the Wardens, Vestry, and me talking about and reflecting on the Cottage Gatherings from June and thinking about our next steps as a parish during this interim period. During September a number of Vestry members will be reading and thinking about a plan for exploring our identity and clarifying our mission as a parish based on *Discerning Your Congregation's Future: A Strategic and Spiritual Approach* by Roy Oswald and Robert Friedrich, Jr. (Alban Institute, 1996). This process would take about nine months and involve the whole congregation in reflecting on our history and norms – “the way we do things around here,” assessing our current ministry and situation, and listening for where it is God is calling us in mission and ministry in the future. Such a process must always be grounded in prayer so I ask you to keep the Wardens, Vestry, and me in your prayers.

On Sunday, September 14th, the sermon will serve as an introduction to a year long exploration of liturgy and worship titled *TAKING ROOT, SPREADING WINGS, CELEBRATING: LITURGY AND MUSIC IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION*. This “exploration” will include presentations and experiences of early and medieval church liturgies this Fall; an opportunity in November to reflect on worship, mission, and ministry with this year's Diocesan Resident Theologian, Dr. Walter Bouman, professor *emeritus* of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus; a look at coming worship changes in our Church early next year; and a workshop on hymnody in April.

***Michael Jupin,
Interim Priest***

Thanks...

Dear Friends at Good Shepherd,

Our heartfelt thanks for the cards, calls, visits, flowers, food, home communion, and most especially the prayers. Adam and I have been uplifted by your concern.

God Bless,
Helen Marsh
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Notes from the Organ Bench

The first choir gathering of the new season will be Wednesday, September 3rd, from 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Compline and a brief time of fellowship will follow. If you are interested in participating in or finding out about the music ministry at Good Shepherd, please come. Anyone from high school age and up is welcome. Please bring a simple snack. The choir will vest for the first time on Sunday, September 7th, for the 10:30 a.m. service. At this service the new *Wonder, Love and Praise* hymnal will be dedicated.

About the Wonder, Love and Praise hymnal

From General Convention, 1994:

Resolves...that the Standing Commission on Church Music be directed to continue preparing supplements to *The Hymnal 1982*, which provide this church with additional service music, inclusive language hymnody, additional texts in languages other than English, including texts printed in more than one language, additional hymnody related to the lectionary and rites of the *Book of Common Prayer* and texts and tunes written since the compiling of the present Hymnal.

This resolution was passed at the seventy-first General Convention in 1994 and led to the creation of *Wonder, Love and Praise: A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982*. This supplement fulfills the mandate of the resolution. It should be seen as a continuation of the current hymnal to be used in conjunction with it. The numbering begins with the next consecutive number (721) after the last hymn in *The Hymnal 1982*. This supplement is also part of a continuing process of liturgical and musical enrichment and augmentation, which offer an expanding vocabulary of spoken and sung prayer. The church has entered a new frontier of inclusive hospitality, not only in welcoming all to the table, but also in providing rites, forms, and music which encourage the sharing of one's cultural story to foster the unity proclaimed in the gospel. This supplement honors that pilgrimage and affirms “the participation of all in the Body of Christ the Church, while recognizing our diverse natures as children of God.” (Preface, *The Hymnal 1982*)

As the Standing Commission on Church Music began to work...we developed general guidelines that served us well and enabled a clearer vision to come, ultimately, into focus. First, we wanted to prepare a resource that adds to *The Hymnal 1982*. Second, we sought to embody a musical simplicity that encourages immediate participation. Third, we wanted to offer a breadth of musical styles from many cultures.

...The title, *Wonder, Love and Praise* is taken from the final phrase for the Charles Wesley text "Love divine, all loves excelling." By choosing these words we hoped to...affirm the need of every Christian to praise God in song.

From the Preface to *Wonder, Love and Praise*

Since this hymnal was published more and more hymns and service music have been written and published. In particular a new musical resource was just released in June called *Enriching our Music*. This supplement provides additional service music for new rites, prayers, canticles, etc.

Please plan to come to the potluck and hymn sing on Sunday, September 14th, following the 10:30 a.m. service as we begin to discover the riches of *Wonder, Love and Praise*.

Marsha Reilly
Music Director

September Adult Education Hour

Sundays, September 14th – 28th

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Nehls Hall

Sunday, September 14th: Sr. Faith Margaret will be present and talk about what it means to be an Associate in the Community of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, September 21st: Michael Jupin, interim priest, will continue an exploration of the "Congregation as an Emotional System" using a video to compare two responses to the same "change" in a congregation and titled *The Anxious Congregation – The Responsible Congregation*.

Sunday, September 28th: *TAKING ROOT, SPREADING WINGS, CELEBRATING: LITURGY AND MUSIC IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION*. Following on the previous Sunday's sermon introduction to this theme for a worship study for this academic year, interim priest, Michael Jupin, will give an overview of an early third century liturgy based on the writings of Hippolytus. That same liturgy will then be celebrated the next Sunday, October 5th, at the 10:30 a.m. hour, followed by a "talk back" during the monthly potluck.

Worship Committee News

The Midweek Eucharist is held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Rev. Michael Jupin is the Celebrant and attendance is around 14 people each week.

A sub-committee of Marsha Dutton, Leslie Flemming, Rev. Michael Jupin and Marsha Reilly has met to begin the planning for the Liturgy Study Group for fall and beyond. As plans develop by this sub-committee, they will be published in the newsletter, bulletin and the weekly CHOGS E-news. The theme for the year will be **Taking Root, Spreading Wings, Celebrating: Liturgy and Music in the Episcopal Tradition**.

On Sunday, September 7th, the *Wonder, Love and Praise* hymnals will be dedicated during the service. On Sunday, September 14th, there will be a potluck following the 10:30 a.m. service and a sing along using the new hymnals. The Worship Committee thanks all those who contributed to the purchase of the new hymnals.

At this time no special service is planned for September 11th. Prayers for the September 11th victims will be included in the Prayers of the People on September 7th and again at the Midweek Eucharist on September 10th.

Special fall worship events have been set. The All Saints' service will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, instead of an Evensong service on Saturday, November 1st. The annual Halloween party in uptown Athens will be taking place that evening. Rev. Michael Jupin indicated that he is willing to have a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a.m. The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 p.m.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27th, at 11:45 a.m. in Hobson Lounge.

Any comments or ideas are welcome. The committee members are: Matthew Adeyanju, Marsha Dutton, Leslie Flemming, Lynn graham, rev. Michael Jupin, Julie Nehls and Christy Ortman.

Lynn Graham

View from the Terrace

One exhibit at Kenyon Conference 2003 was the "labyrinth." Moveable Feast Ministry (Defiance, Ohio) has set up two, the "Prayer Path" and "Discovering Jesus." The one at Kenyon was the Prayer Path, offering an opportunity to slow down, let go, and work toward a personal encounter with God through a pathway of guided meditation. Though perhaps at first seemingly a bit campy; the labyrinth project is intended to be more serious than just a fun activity.

The labyrinth is set up in a large indoor area and consists of a maze marked out on a large mat with various stations leading to the center and back out. Each participant, sans shoes, starting about five minutes apart, is provided a personal CD player. Through soothing music and a gentle voice the CD guides one through the labyrinth. There were 11 stations and the process takes about an hour to complete. Several stations comprise the inward journey, letting go worries and busyness that stand between God and us. The stations have assorted props that can be used to help. One was a bowl of water with pebbles you can toss in the water representing hurts (my thought, at the time, was that a doll with pins should have been included, but I guess this would hardly fit into themes of forgiveness and repentance!).

As you can see from the above, it is not very easy to create a space to encounter God. This may be a "man thing" perhaps, but I certainly like to be in control and obviously did not master the art of letting go and settle into a true meditative state. But, I still took something away from this experience, a little boost in the desire to try to focus on God on a more regular basis and some techniques.

The center of the labyrinth was set up with a wide variety of items to symbolize how God might exist in our lives. One settles in and listens. There were symbols such as a candle in the center, others you can light, a communion set, and a variety of other everyday things such as stuffed animals and pillows, all contributing to comfort and relaxation. Here you are still, listening, experiencing the moment much like on the summit of a mountain before the descent back into the real world.

The last phase, incarnation, we are encouraged to carry something of our encounter back to our own regular lives. Just as God in Christ was incarnate in the specific culture of Palestine in the 1st Century, the labyrinth uses objects and products of our own culture and

contemporary metaphors as tools to help us be incarnate ourselves. The one station that for me created a little bump on the return journey was the mirror. At first glance I was startled by sparse patches of white hair, jowls and wrinkles – so incongruent to what I was feeling – but those eyes – within them something of value seemed to reside, and it belonged. I have never looked in a mirror with that thought before.

The journey is unique to each individual and the labyrinth is set up to allow the freedom to choose what to do or not do. For some the labyrinth could be a worship experience perhaps. Even for those like myself, not used to guided meditation, can walk away with a tool or two to enhance awareness of one's own faith or at least develop a better attitude towards the everyday grind.

Good Shepherd's offering of this labyrinth to the Athens community might be something to think about. Perhaps in conjunction with a future visit from Sr. Faith Margaret. Perhaps the Lutherans would also be interested. A file of material about the Moveable Feast Ministry, and engaging them, is in the parish office.

Ted Foster
Newsletter Editor

Wednesday Lunch Report

Our heartfelt thanks to the Greek Community for providing food for the Wednesday Free Lunch Program. We really appreciate your generosity.

Joanne Larson &
the entire Wednesday Crew & Clients

Don't Forget

Sunday, August 31st, 10:30 a.m.
Annual Strouds Run Eucharist and Picnic

News from the Pews...

Thanks to **Alania Miller** (backed up by sister, **Bethany**, and mother, **Twig Kaufman**) for her interesting presentation on her Habitat trip to Sowotho, South Africa. Good teaching aids, photos and artifacts. Thanks too to **Genevieve Gilson**, who has completed her AmeriCorps term for her service to the community as well as the Good Shepherd Youth Program.

End of summer travelers include **Carl and Phillip Ortman** who are backpacking through Wales as we write and read. Carl will remain in Cardiff for a Welsh government internship while Phillip returns to Athens for the fall quarter. The **Swardsons** have traveled to Arkansas and then to Colorado to visit relatives.

Lots of summer visitors. Nice to see the extended **Hillard** family on August 10th: **Jason** and wife **Ann**, **Adam**, **Amy**, and **Paul**. Also present was Ann's father, the **Rev. Charles Watts** who supplied here earlier in the year. On August 17th **David Gault**, wife and daughter were here to visit David's parents, **Jim** and **Jan Gault**. In town to attend the Liz Green/Jan Schwarzel wedding and to visit her parents was **Lizzie Purdy** from Atlanta.

Chris Coleman wrote, produced and directed a play, *Marriage and Other Disasters*, recently at Hocking College. **Eliza Riffe** has been busy this summer working at the University of Chicago library. Eliza made the Dean's List for the school year and is Artistic Director of the University of Chicago Dancers.

Returning to the Kenyon Conference were **Lynn Graham**, **Joanne Larson**, **Ted** and **Katharin Foster**, and first time attendees **Jack** and **Leslie Flemming**.

Lauren Spero has returned for her sophomore year at Miami University while **Beverly Denton** returns to St. Mary's College, Maryland, for another year.

Best wishes and prayers for improved health to **Helen Marsh** and **Phyllis Dean**. Condolences to the extended family of **Curtis Clifford**, who grew up in this parish. Condolences as well to **Athena Tracy** on the loss of her sister in Spokane, Washington. Athena also responds bravely to a shoulder problem – but is cheered by the birth of a first

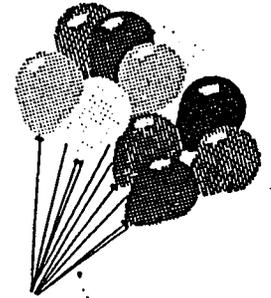
granddaughter to daughter Diana and husband in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Accepting a new interim rector assignment in New Jersey is the **Rev. Mark Shelly**. Mark and wife, Laura, visited Athens and Good shepherd this summer, while house sitting for parents **Bob** and **Ann Shelly**.

Reid Sinclair Roving Reporter

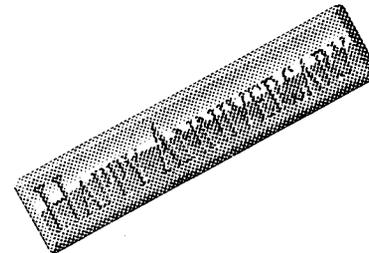
September Birthdays:

- 9-3: Lyn Butrick
- 9-5: Doris Green
- 9-6: Ann Rathbun
- 9-9: Matthew Ziff
- 9-10: Mary Anne Swardson
- 9-12: Sophia Karageorge
- 9-13: Cary Dean
- 9-14: Cherrye Lucas, Elizabeth Purdy
- 9-16: Peggy Black, Roland Swardson
- 9-19: Bruce Ergood
- 9-20: Kristanne Beetem
- 9-22: Mary Doxsee
- 9-23: Richard Butrick, Elisabeth Shepherd, Sally Spero
- 9-24: Cita Purdy
- 9-27: Rachel Luce
- 9-28: Adam Marsh



September Anniversaries:

- 9-4: Pete & Jody Smith
- 9-6: Earl & Patricia Funk
- 9-7: Bill & Cynthia Kaldis
- 9-10: Roland & Mary Anne Swardson
- 9-12: George & Jing Semsel
- 9-12: Bob & Ann Shelly
- 9-26: Dale & Karen Staeger



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September Worship Schedule

Wednesday, September 3rd: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, September 7th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
dedication of *Wonder, Love and Praise* Hymnals
10:30 a.m., Nave
Holy Eucharist
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility

Wednesday, September 10th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, September 14th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave

Wednesday, September 17th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, September 21st: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave
Midday Prayer Service
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility

Wednesday, September 24th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, September 28th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave

Monday, September 1st: Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, September 3rd: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Wednesday, September 10th: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, September 14th: Sr. Faith Margaret Presentation
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Nehls Hall
Potluck & Sing Along
11:30 a.m., Nehls Hall

Wednesday, September 17th: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, September 18th: Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Saturday, September 20th: Ultreya Potluck
5:30 p.m., Nehls Hall
Ultreya Meeting
6:30 p.m., Nehls Hall

Sunday, September 21st: "Congregation as an Emotional System"
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Nehls Hall

Wednesday, September 24th: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, September 28th: Taking Root, Spreading Wings, Celebrating: Liturgy
& Music in the Episcopal Tradition
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Nehls Hall